

REMARKS

Summary of the Office Action

Claims 1-30 stand rejected as being unpatentable over Ogawa et al. in view of Alam et al., and claims 31-33 are allowed.

Summary of the Response to the Office Action

Applicants have canceled claims 1-30 without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, allowed claims 31-33 remain pending.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application. Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable to place this application into even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative by telephone at (202) 739-5772.

EXCEPT for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. §1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be a **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)(3).

Respectfully submitted,
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